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1. CONCERNING THE COMPLETION OF ROKG INTERNAL PROCEDURES TO PERMIT AN EARLY EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE USG-ROKG NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENT, WE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT FURTHER TODAY WITH LEE KI CHOO OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA). ECON COUNSELOR ALSO BROUGHT THE SUBJECT TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF MOFA ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CHOI HO-CHOONG, IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION.

2. MOFA IS NOW GOING ALL OUT TO TRY TO COMPLETE THE ROKG INTERNAL PROCEDURES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. THE TRANSLATION IS NEARLY COMPLETE, BUT THE KOREAN VERSION MUST STILL BE PRINTED, REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE BUREAU, A SEPARATE AGENCY, FOR REVIEW, AND THEN BE FORMALLY APPROVED BY A VICE MINISTER'S GROUP, THE CABINET AND THEN  
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THE PRESIDENT. THE SITUATION IS FURTHER COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT NEXT MONDAY IS KOREAN HOLIDAY. MOFA WILL TRY ITS UTMOST TO HAVE THE AGREEMENT READY FOR CABINET REVIEW AT A SCHEDULED MEETING JUNE 7. IF THEY MEET THAT DEADLINE, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE OF GETTING PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL BY WEEK'S END. IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THAT DEADLINE, THE NEXT CABINET MEETING IS

FRIDAY, JUNE 10. THE TIME REQUIRED TO GET PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL WILL DEPEND UPON THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE, BUT MOFA WILL DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO EXPEDITE THAT FINAL STEP. AT THIS POINT, THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME CHANCE, AT LEAST, THAT ROKG PROCEDURES CAN BE COMPLETED EARLY ENOUGH TO PERMIT THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES VERY LATE NEXT WEEK. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THIS NEXT TUESDAY.

3. LEE CONFIRMED THAT THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURES AND SAMPLE VISAS WERE POUCHED TO THE ROK EMBASSY WASHINGTON ON MAY 31.

4. CONCERNING THE SUGGESTED VISIT BY AN ROKG TEAM OF CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION SPECIALISTS AS DESCRIBED PARA 4, REF A, THE ROKG HAS ALREADY ARRANGED FOR A 7-MEMBER DELEGATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK TO DISCUSS CLASSIFICATION AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES. THE DELEGATION IS COMPRISED OF ONE SPECIALIST FROM THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXPORT ASSOCIATIONS INVOLVED AND FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF FOOTWEAR EXPORTING FIRMS. THE DELEGATION IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON JUNE 15. WE ASSUME THIS WILL BE AN APPROPRIATE GROUP FOR THE 3-DAY U.S. CUSTOMS SEMINAR SUGGESTED. THE DELEGATION IS BEING HANDLED BY THE ROK EMBASSY WHICH SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS, IF NEEDED.  
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